Michigan Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 12 - LEASES

Accounting Policy

The State leases various assets under non-cancelable leasing arrangements. Leases that constitute rental agreements are classified as operating leases; the resulting expenditures are recognized as incurred over the lease term. Leases that are comparable to purchases are classified as capital leases.

In the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, assets and liabilities resulting from capital leases are recorded at lease inception. The principal portion of lease payments reduces the liability; the interest portion is expensed.

For capital leases in governmental funds, other financing sources and expenditures are recorded at lease inception. Lease payments are recorded as debt service expenditures. For budgetary purposes, lease payments are only reported as expenditures when paid.

Most leases have cancellation clauses with one to six month notice requirements in the event that funding is not available. For reporting purposes, such cancellation clauses are not considered in the determination of whether a lease is cancelable, because the likelihood that they will be exercised is considered remote. Some lease agreements include renewal or purchase options. The effect of such options is reflected in the minimum lease payments only if it is considered reasonably assured that an option will be exercised. Some lease agreements include escalation clauses or other contingent rentals.

The State has entered into a few installment purchase agreements. Because the amounts involved are immaterial, and the accounting treatment is similar, such agreements are reported together with capital leases.

Leases that exist between the State and the State Building Authority (SBA), a blended component unit, are not recorded as leases in this report. In their separately issued financial statements, SBA records a lease receivable from the State. Although payables and receivables technically exist between these parties, when combined for government-wide reporting, they are eliminated. A long-term liability exists on the government-wide financial statements for the bonds issued by SBA to construct the assets associated with the leases. Future payments to SBA are, therefore, not included in the schedules of lease commitments below. Note 13 provides information on the amount of the SBA's bonds outstanding and a schedule of debt service requirements.

During the fiscal year, the State entered into a building lease agreement with the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF), a discretely presented component unit. The lease was classified as a capital lease and is included in the capital lease disclosures below.

Primary Government – Governmental Activities

Rental expenditures incurred under operating leases totaled \$62.2 million during the fiscal year. Payments for capital lease principal, interest, and executory costs totaled \$24.7 million, \$33.0 million, and \$25.8 million, respectively, during the fiscal year. Included in these amounts were payments to MSF for principal, interest, and executory costs totaling \$2.1 million, \$1.9 million, and \$65 thousand, respectively.

A summary of the operating and noncancelable capital lease commitments to maturity follows (in millions):

				Capital Leases							
Year Ended	Op	erating		Executory							
September 30	Leases		Principal		Interest		Costs			Total	
2009	\$	35.7	\$	22.6	\$	34.3	\$	25.2	\$	82.1	
2010		30.4		20.3		32.2		24.5		77.0	
2011		22.3		17.6		30.4		22.8		70.8	
2012		13.8		15.3		28.8		21.7		65.8	
2013		7.4		13.8		27.3		20.7		61.8	
2014-2018		21.8		74.0		113.6		96.7		284.3	
2019-2023		4.0		75.2		73.7		82.3		231.2	
2024-2028		-		53.0		35.9		72.6		161.6	
Thereafter		-		28.5		4.5		33.7		66.7	
Total	\$	135.5	\$	320.5	\$	380.7	\$	400.2	\$	1,101.3	

The above capital leases relate to governmental activities which include the General Fund, special revenue funds, and the internal service funds. A liability of \$320.5 million has been recorded in the government-wide financial statements for the capital lease principal. Included in this liability is the capital lease between the State and MSF totaling \$82.9 million.

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The historical cost of assets acquired under capital leases are included in capital assets on the government-wide financial statements at September 30 follows (in millions):

Buildings	\$ 388.7
Equipment	79.3
Total	468.0
Accumulated Depreciation	(185.3)
Net Land, Buildings, and Equipment	\$ 282.7

Included in the table above is the historical cost and accumulated depreciation for the capital lease between the State and MSF of \$85.0 million and \$2.7 million, respectively.

Primary Government – Business-Type Activities

Rental expense incurred under operating leases totaled \$.6 million during the fiscal year. There were no capital lease obligations.

A summary of operating lease commitments to maturity follows (in millions):

Year Ended	Operating
September 30	Leases
2009	\$.5
2010	.5
2011	.4
2012	.2
2013	1
	\$ 1.7

Discretely Presented Component Units

Operating lease commitments for universities and authorities totaled \$59.3 million. Total capital lease obligations were \$10.1 million, \$1.7 million, and \$0 for principal, interest, and executory costs, respectively, during the fiscal year.